

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. (Currently Amended) A cleaning sheet, which comprises a liquid retentive sheet and at least one air-laid non-woven fabric provided on at least one side of the liquid retentive sheet, said liquid retentive sheet comprising cellulosic fiber in an amount of from 30 to 100% by weight based on the weight of said liquid retentive sheet, said liquid retentive sheet and said non-woven fabric being laminated to each other, said non-woven fabric having at least 30 % to 100% by weight of thick thermoplastic fibers having a fiber length of 2 to 15 mm and a fineness of 10 to 150 dtex, and 1 to 50% by weight of thin crimped thermoplastic fibers having a fiber length of 2 to 15 mm and a fineness of 1 to 5 dtex, said air-laid non-woven fabric having a number of tips of said thick thermoplastic fibers forming the non-woven fabric exposed on the surface of said cleaning sheet to have capability of scouring or scraping dirt off of a soiled surface, wherein said number of tips of said thick thermoplastic fibers is 20-4000/cm², having intersections of said thick thermoplastic fibers together with intersections of said thick fibers and said intersections of said thick and thin fibers being bonded by fusion or with a binder, and wherein said non-woven fabric has a basis weight of from 30 to 200 g/m².

2. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, which is impregnated with an aqueous detergent.

3. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said sheet is an air-laid web comprising said thermoplastic fibers and said cellulosic fibers, which cellulose fibers have a fiber length of 0.1 to 15 mm.

4. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to claim 3, which comprises 30 to 90% by weight of said thermoplastic fibers and 10 to 70% by weight of said cellulosic fibers, and has a basis weight of 40 to 300 g/m².

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Previously Amended) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, which is obtained by forming an air-laid web comprising said cellulosic fibers that have a fiber length of 0.1 to 15 mm and bonding the fibers constituting said web at their intersections by fusion or with a binder to prepare said sheet,

separately forming an air-laid web comprising said thermoplastic fibers and bonding the fibers constituting said web at their intersections by fusion or with a binder to prepare said air-laid nonwoven fabric, and

bonding said air-laid nonwoven fabric to at least one side of said sheet.

7. (Previously Amended) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, which is obtained by superposing an air-laid web comprising said thermoplastic fibers on at least one side of an air-laid web comprising said cellulosic fibers that have a fiber length of 0.1 to 15 mm and bonding the fibers constituting each of said webs among themselves at their intersections and also bonding said webs to each other by fusion or with a binder.

8. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1 or 2, which has been embossed.

9. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1 or 2, wherein said thermoplastic fibers comprise a low-melting resin and a high-melting resin, said low-melting resin forming at least a part of the fiber surface.

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Original) The cleaning sheet according to claim 2, wherein said aqueous detergent contains an electrolyte.

12-13. (Cancelled)

14. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, wherein the number of tips of said thick thermoplastic fibers is 50 to 2000/cm².

15. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, wherein the number of tips of said thick thermoplastic fibers is 100 to 1000/cm².

16-17. (Cancelled)

18. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, wherein said thin thermoplastic fibers have a fineness of 1 to 3 dtex.

19. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, wherein said second layer is impregnated with an aqueous detergent

20. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 19, wherein said aqueous detergent contains an electrolyte.

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, wherein said cellulosic fiber is selected from the group consisting of wood pulp fiber, flax fiber, cotton fiber, and regenerated fibers.

23. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 22, wherein said regenerated fiber comprises rayon.

24. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, wherein said thick fiber comprises a core/sheath conjugate fiber having a polyester core.

25. (Previously Presented) The cleaning sheet according to claim 1, wherein said thick fiber comprises a polyester fiber.